

OFFICIAL MINUTES
The Idaho School for the Deaf and the Blind Foundation, Inc. Meeting
November 8, 2006

MEMBERS PRESENT: Beth Cram, Paula Mason, Jeanne Marie Kopecky, &
Tom Jones, Misti Lockie, Janet Stout, Sonja Phillips

ABSENT: Reid Lofrgran, Gloria Sanchez, Mel Magnelli, Jeff Woods & Harv Lyter

GUESTS:

Minute Recorder: Misti Lockie

Paula opened the meeting at 3:00pm.

Paula introduced a potential board member: Sonja Phillips. Having recently moved here from Dallas, TX, she now works with students at CSI. Sonja has 3 kids, and she and her husband are both hearing impaired. She wants to assist with the board, and loves assisting with English speaking and to see deaf people have more success in their future. She feels the NW and South United States are lacking in “deaf success” and good jobs. Everyone introduced themselves to Sonja and then the minutes from September were reviewed.

It was discussed at this time that Albina Hernandez’ tutor said the experience helping Albina was wonderful and didn’t charge for the sessions. Her name is Patti Durham, and Misti will send her a thank you.

The employee deductions were discussed; Misti received at email from them stating that no one had signed up so the Foundation was removed from the list. It was decided to try to figure out how to get back on. The teachers were informed, but no one signed up.

Beth moved to approve minutes; Paula seconded.

Paula informed the board that Damon Jensen got his sidekick. She also returned the scholarship check that Dustin Leppert had received since he had decided not to attend school. It was given to Tom.

Justin’s warranty was never reviewed because of lack of follow up on his part; so his case still stands as is.

Paula asked if Dustin Leppert could still use his scholarship money if he chose to go to school later, but the Board discussed that the money had already been reallocated to Jessica, therefore he could not use it. Jessica did receive her money.

Paula discussed Board recruitment. She suggested that each Board member could bring in a new potential member at a meeting, and to really get involved with trying to recruit new members that are excited and enthusiastic. Mel Magnelli’s email has not been working, so Jeanne Marie was checking into how to get ahold of him.

Rod Howells from ISDB was also suggested.

Paula got an email from a regional teacher questioning about parents applying for mapping for coquille implants. Janet stated that its very expensive, and Paula had told them they should definitely try all other avenues of funding first.

Tom commented that the Raptor Fund was a small amount set aside one time, and it was now almost gone. The board discussed that they should decide whether or not to set aside more money again.

Jeanne discussed Gayle Cheney’s funding request to be able to have her standard amount of pre-approval money raised to \$600; Beth made a motion to do so and Tom seconded.

Tom checked the by-laws to determine how many board members there can be; his copy states 7 members, 4 of which can't be ISDB employees. One ex-officio, which is ISDB superintendent, with a vote. Paula stated she was sure they had been changed since and the vote was removed from the superintendent.

Trevor Dungemore and Suszan Reed came in to give a presentation for their funding request. They were representing the VI group from HS and Middle School. They perform service for the community. They were asking for funds to buy supplies to make pillows for the annual toy drive. The group had \$24 at this point, and they need \$246 to buy the supplies to make 15 pillows. After their presentation, the two stepped out for the board to discuss.

Janet stated this is the first year for character ed or service learning at ISDB, and its working well. Its very important. Paula proposed to give the group their entire amount, but to suggest that they might find some of the supplies (second hand pillows) at a cheaper price and to return any money they could save. Jeanne motioned to do just that, Tom seconded.

Tom provided them a check, and they promised to return at the December meeting to discuss how it went.

Discussion moved to other topics at this point, and Sonja asked about deaf/blind activities in the area.

Misti discussed the search engine and justgive.org, and it was decided to do both. Misti would complete the draft holiday letter and email to everyone so they could either print it out or email it themselves.

Paula and Misti discussed that we could possibly hold a fund raising team roping next fall, the board agreed this was a good idea. Paula and Misti could line up most of the roping, and others could help to have other activities during the weekend. It is hoped to find a weekend to do it on when the parents were here for parent's weekend.

At that time Jeanne motioned that the meeting be adjourned as it was 5:10pm. Tom seconded.